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TO: Members of the House State Administration Committee

FROM: Joy Bruck, State President AARP Montana

RE: Oppose HB 428

Madame Chair, Members of the Committee, for the record, I am Joy Bruck, State President of AARP Montana. We are a non-partisan organization of approximately 155,000 members here in Montana. We believe our right to vote is a basic right that we cherish. AARP Montana opposes HB 428 because it unfairly limits that right.

Especially those seniors no longer able to live on their own and are living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or with their families. These are very difficult transitions to make so changing addresses or updating their registration is easily forgotten. If they have had to move to a mail ballot only county they could be disenfranchised and that should not happen to seniors or any other voters. For these reason and the others you have hear we urge you to oppose HB 428.